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CHAPTER 89
EH...? HEH HEH-HEH.
!?
HA HA HA HA HA... WRA-HA-HAA!!!
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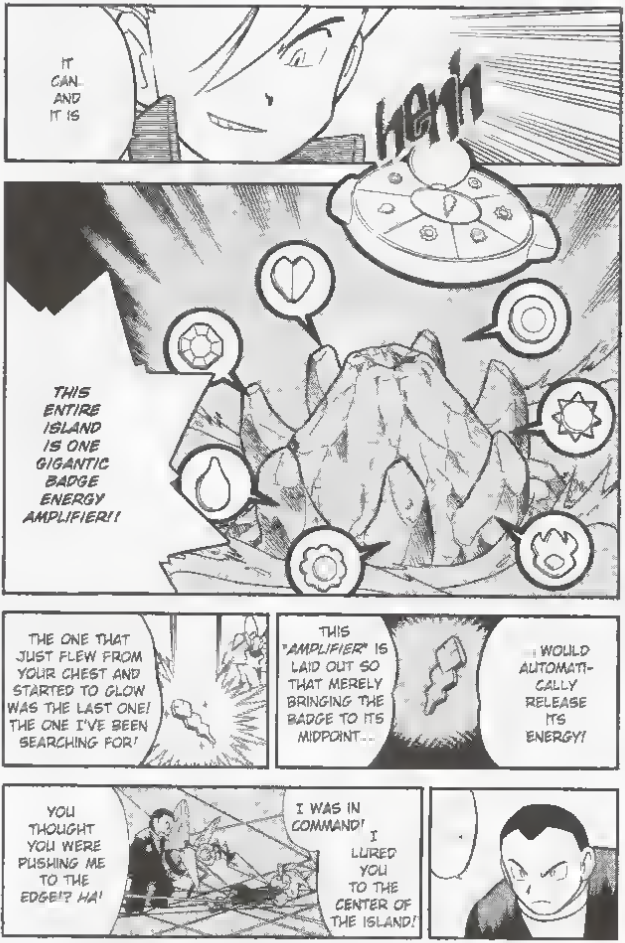
GLINT!
WHAT...?

POP
KH!
THE MIGHT OF... METAPOD!?
TH-THAT...LIGHT...
FLASHING OFF SOME-THING...
IT'S A TRAINER'S BADGE!!

ZOOP
THAT'S RIGHT!!
GIOVANNI, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT THIS MEANS YOU'RE A GYM LEADER.
PIK
THE MORE TRAINER BADGES YOU BRING TOGETHER, THE MORE POWER YOU HAVE TO CONTROL POKÉMON
I ALREADY HAD 7 OF THE 8 BADGES IN HAND
!
THEY'RE HIDDEN UNDER THE 7 STONE COLUMNS THAT JUT TOWARD THE SKY FROM THE PERIMETER OF THE ISLAND
ALL PLACED SO AS TO OPTIMIZE THE POWER I SIPHON FROM THEIR VIBRATIONS!
FIRE, ROCK, GRASS, ELECTRICITY, POISON, WATER, PSYCHIC, EARTH. YOU REMEMBER THE ORDER, DON'T YOU?
IT... IT CAN'T BE!!


IT CAN. AND IT IS
HERE
THIS ENTIRE ISLAND IS ONE GIGANTIC BADGE ENERGY AMPLIFIER!!
THE ONE THAT JUST FLEW FROM YOUR CHEST AND STARTED TO GLOW WAS THE LAST ONE! THE ONE I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR!
THIS "AMPLIFIER" IS LAID OUT SO THAT MERELY BRINGING THE BADGE TO ITS MIDPOINT...
...WOULD AUTOMATICALLY RELEASE ITS ENERGY!
YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE PUSHING ME TO THE EDGE!? HA!
I WAS IN COMMAND! I LURED YOU TO THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND!

AND NOW
GYO OOOO
THE ENERGY OF THE 8 UNITED BADGES WILL RISE
CLINK
GYOOOOO
UNTIL IT REACHES MY SECRET WEAPON.— THE OBJECT OF ALL MY DESIGNS!!
THE LEGENDARY SPIRIT THAT APPEARS ABOVE THIS ISLAND WITH THE BREAK OF DAY!

KIIIIINNN
SOME-THING WRONG, SABRINA?
OH...!!
I CAN FEEL IT THE OTHER TWO BATTLES BEING FOUGHT ON THIS ISLAND HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.
KOGA, LT SURGE AND THEIR PARTNERS MUST ALSO HAVE DEFEATED A MEMBER OF THE ELITE FOUR!
AND WE'VE DEFEATED LORELEI. MEANING THAT MOST OF OUR OBJECTIVES HERE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED HEH—
...AND OUR LITTLE ALLIANCE CAN BE DISSOLVED!
SSSHHH
!
PFF
H--HEY!!
SHEESH... JUST AS SELF-CENTERED AS ALWAYS
WELL, I'M GLAD SHE WAS ALONG FOR THE BATTLE WITH LORELEI.
EVEN SO, I HAD TO USE WIGGLY-TUFF, HORSEA, NIDO, BLASTOISE, AND DITTO!!

EVERYBODY BUT MY ACE IN THE HOLE... MY 7TH POKÉMON...
GUESS YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR STUFF EH, BULL?
HUH? WHAT WAS... OH!!
!
A... BIRD! A GIGANTIC BIRD!!
...
I HAVE TO GET TO IT--!

IS THAT... A POKÉMON!?
OH...!
QUITE A SET-UP YOU'VE CONTRIVED HERE, LANCE WELL...
WOOSH
GIOVANNI! ...!?
WRA HA HA HA! THE GREAT GIOVANNI IS A COWARD! WELL, AT LEAST HE WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE LURED HERE
OUR ASSAULT ON VERMILION CITY ALL THE TROOPS WE SENT TO THE MAIN LAND- HAVE PAID OFF! WE HAVE THE POWER!!
AERO-DACTYL! CARRY ME UP THERE!
LANCE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?!
CAN'T YOU TELL!?
I'M GOING UP... TO WHERE THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON FLIES!

THIS WAS MY OBJECT FROM THE BEGINNING--TO TAKE CONTROL OF THIS POKÉMON! TO RIDE THE ONE THAT NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO TAME!
IF I CAN CONTROL IT...THEN NOT ONLY THE MAINLAND BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD... WILL BE FREED FROM HUMANS FOREVER!
TURN THAT POKÉMON AGAINST THE WORLD..!?
NO! YOU CAN'T!
LANCE, IT'S INSANE!!
DON'T YOU SEE HOW MUCH DEATH AND DESTRUCTION YOU'LL BRING?!!!
NOD
DRAGONITE, I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU UP THERE... SO FOLLOW ME UP!
GRRN
HWOOO
NKH!

DRAGONITE! PLEASE-- GET OUT OF MY WAY!! I HAVE TO STOP HIM!!
!?
WOBBLE
WH. WHAT...?
IT'S SO EXHAUSTED
OF COURSE! IT WAS IN THAT LAVA ALL THIS TIME, WAITING FOR LANCE'S SIGNAL!
MMM
COULD LANCE REALLY NOT HAVE NOTICED HOW WEAK IT WAS..?
NO THAT'S NOT IT! DRAGONITE WAS HIDING ITS CONDITION! SACRIFICING ITSELF!
AH!
IT'S TRYING TO FOLLOW LANCE! BUT IT'S TOO EXHAUSTED...!

STOP!!
THE EFFORT WILL KILL YOU!!
GRIP
WHY WOULD YOU DO ALL THIS FOR LANCE?
MY TRAINER FIGHTS FOR POKEMON! WE WILL ELIMINATE THE HUMAN ENEMY!
I MUST DO ANYTHING FOR HIM!
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I'M READING— DRAGONITE'S FEELINGS!!
SO YOU THINK HUMANS ARE THE ENEMY? WELL, DRAGONITE . YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT'S TRUE THAT HUMANS HAVE BEEN DESTROYING NATURE .
ACTING AS THOUGH THE WORLD BELONGS TO THEM ALONE
TEARING DOWN FORESTS AND POLLUTING THE RIVERS SLOWLY DESTROYING THE NATURAL HABITATS OF POKÉMON
OF COURSE YOU FEEL RAGE TOWARD HUMANS
BUT LANCE IS JUST TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THOSE FEELINGS!
I UNDER-STAND WHY YOU THINK HE'S YOUR FRIEND!
BUT THINK--

HIS WAY ISN'T THE ANSWER! HUMANS DON'T DESERVE DEATH--ANY MORE THAN POKÉMON!
HUMANS AND POKÉMON CAN LIVE TOGETHER! I KNOW IT!
YOU KNOW IT TOO, PIKA. RATTY BUT HOW DO I MAKE THEM BELIEVE?
OMNY, DODY, KITTY, GRAVVY... HOW DO I SHOW THEM?
GIVE ME THE POWER TO SHOW THEM!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?

FSSSS...SSSSHHHHH!
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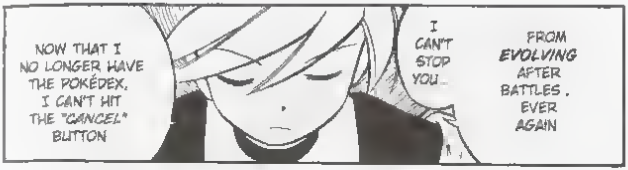
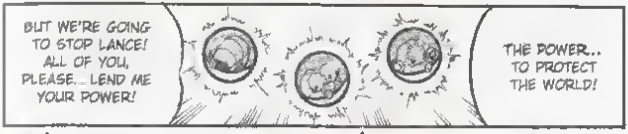
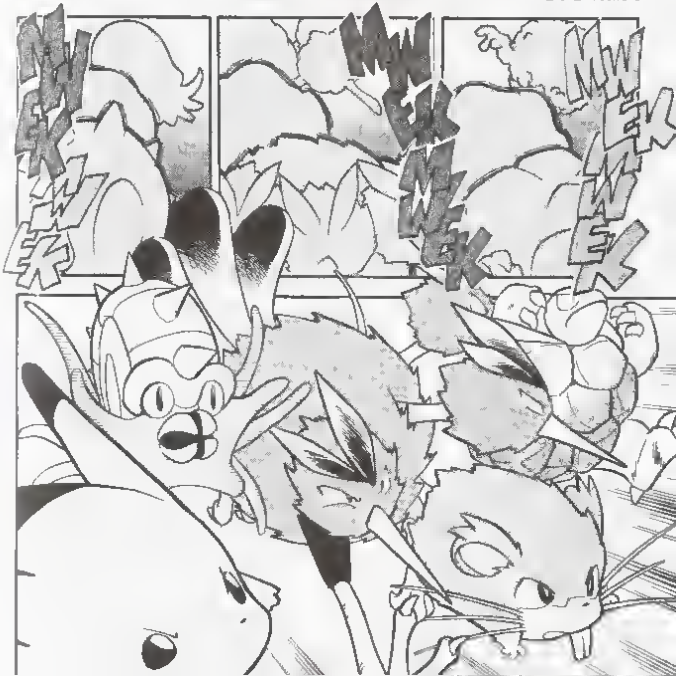
...A METAPOD!?


NOW THAT I NO LONGER HAVE THE POKÉDEX, I CAN'T HIT THE "CANCEL" BUTTON
I CAN'T STOP YOU...
FROM EVOLVING AFTER BATTLES, EVER AGAIN


BUT WE'RE GOING TO STOP LANCE! ALL OF YOU, PLEASE... LEND ME YOUR POWER!
THE POWER... TO PROTECT THE WORLD!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GLOWWW
EVOLVING TWO LEVELS!?!
TWIN
LANCE-- I'M COMING!!